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## **NOTICE OF FILING FEE INCREASE FOR SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTIONS**

To: Attorneys at Law and Other Filers

From: Elaine C. Johnson

Date: May 16, 2016

The Georgia General Assembly enacted this year Act Number 458 (legislated as HB 851) which amends provision relating to county law libraries. The bill eliminated a previously long-standing provision that required the Clerk of Superior Court to deduct the amount payable to the county law library from the filing fee for a civil action. Therefore, upon the effective date of the act, the filing fee for a superior court civil action increased by \$5.00, the amount determined by superior court judges to be collected for the local law library.

The act is effective upon the governor's signature. He signed the act into law on April 26, 2016. However, since there was no time to apprise parties filing civil actions of the increase in fee, I will not begin enforcing the provision until **May 16, 2016**, at which time the filing fee for a civil action in the Superior Court of Richmond County will be **\$210.00** (which amount includes the additional \$5.00 law library fee). Also, increased by this bill is the fee for Notary Public, which will now be \$42.00, Trade Name registrations will be \$162.00 and Limited Partnerships will be \$210.00. State Court Civil filings fees will also be \$210.00.

If you have questions, please contact our office at 706-821-1292.

<b>SUPERIOR &amp; STATE COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY</b> <b>COST &amp; FEE SCHEDULE</b>
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Acceptable payment types are cash, money order, cashier check, business check or credit card (Master Card or Visa only).

If paying by credit card, the cardholder must present picture identification.

A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for any check returned by the financial institution.

<b>CIVIL CASES – SUPERIOR &amp; STATE COURTS</b>	
General Civil/Domestic	<b>\$210.00</b>
<i>Plus applicable service fees. ALL cases except: 1) Family violence; 2) abandoned motor vehicle actions; and 3) Incoming transfers. See below for additional sums in condemnation and bond validation cases.</i>	
Family Violence	<b>No Fee</b>
Incoming Transfers from:	
Superior and State Court	<b>\$50.00</b>
Probate Court	<b>\$50.00</b>
Magistrate Court	<b>\$210.00</b>
Publication Costs – Standard Notice	
Adoption*	<b>\$60.00</b>
Divorce and Name Change*	<b>\$80.00</b>
Appeals from Lower Courts (same as General Civil fee)	<b>\$210.00</b>

Condemnation and Validation of Bond Action  Per Bond	To be collected at conclusion of action in addition to General Civil Costs above	
	up to 500 bonds	<b>\$1.00</b>
	over 500 bonds	<b>\$.50</b>
Per page for recording		<b>\$1.50</b>
Subpoena		<b>\$5.00</b>
Issuing Execution		<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>SHERIFF'S SERVICE FEES</b>	
Per Copy Served, General	<b>\$50.00</b>
Action from Another County	<b>\$50.00</b>
Per Garnishee Served (1st Copy)	<b>\$50.00</b>
Second and Subsequent Copy(s)	<b>\$6.00</b>
Per Tenant in Dispossessory Action	<b>\$25.00</b>
Levying on attachment	<b>\$50.00</b>
Summoning each witness	<b>\$10.00</b>
Taking bonds in criminal cases	<b>\$20.00</b>
Search/return of nulla bona	<b>\$20.00</b>

<b>APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEAL</b>	
Preparation of Record, per page	\$1.00
Copying Transcript Where Required, per page	\$1.00
Preparation of transcript when clerk is not required to recopy	\$35.00
Entering Remittitur	\$0.00
Per Seal and Certification (in addition to all other costs)	\$2.00
Costs for preparation and furnishing copy of the record of appeal in capital felony case to the <u>Attorney General</u> in accordance with OCGA 5-6-43	
• Preparation of record, per page	\$5.00
• Transcript	No fee
• Clerk's Certificate	\$1.00

<b>NOTARY PUBLIC</b>	
Issuance of New Certificate	\$42.00
Renewal	\$42.00
Certificate of Authority	\$2.00

<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>	
General, Limited and Amendments, each	\$210.00

<b>TRADE NAME REGISTRATION</b>	
Registration	\$162.00
Publication Cost – Standard Notice*	\$40.00

<b>OTHER RECORDING</b>		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Page	2 <sup>nd</sup> and Over
Veteran Discharge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bar Admission Documents	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Other Recording	\$5.00	\$2.00

<b>MISCELLANEOUS COSTS</b>	
Copy, Uncertified, if no assistance required, per page	\$0.50
Copy, Uncertified, if assistance is required, per page	\$1.00
Copy, Certified or Exemplified, first page	\$2.50
Each page after first	\$0.50
Copy, Oversize, Larger than 8½" x 14", per page	\$2.00
Computer Printouts, per page or equivalent	\$2.50
Copy, Faxed or Electronic, first page	\$2.50
Each page after first	\$1.00
Certificate of pending action or unsatisfied judgment as provided in OCGA 40-9-40	\$3.00

\*Publication Costs are made payable to the Legal Organ: The Augusta Chronicle.

**SUPERIOR & STATE COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY**  
**REAL ESTATE COST & FEE SCHEDULE**

Acceptable payment types are cash, money order,  
cashier check or business check.  
A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for any check returned  
by the financial institution.

<b><i>RECORDING COSTS -- DEEDS AND REAL ESTATE</i></b>		
	<b>1st Page</b>	<b>2nd and Over</b>
<b>Deeds</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Cancellation of Security Deed</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Assignments of Security Deeds</b>		
<b>Per Deed Assigned</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>Other Recording on Deed Record</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Plats, Maps and Condominium Floor plans</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Cross-indexing to previous instrument (mandatory or by request)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b><i>LIENS AND GENERAL EXECUTION DOCKET</i></b>		
	<b>1st Page</b>	<b>2nd and Over</b>
<b>General Execution or Lien Recording</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Materialman's Liens, Notices, Bonds</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Lis Pendens</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Hospital Lien</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Federal Tax Lien</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>All Lien Cancellation or Release per instrument</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Cross-indexing to previous instrument (mandatory or by request)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b><i>UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY</i></b>		
	<b>1st Page</b>	<b>2nd and Over</b>
<b>Financing Statement (UCC-1)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Financing Statement with Assignment (UCC-1)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Real Estate Notice Filing (UCC-2)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Amendment or Assignment (UCC-3)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Continuation (UCC-3)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Termination or Release (UCC-3)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Personal Property Lien (Non-UCC)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Personal Property Cancellation (Non-UCC)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Personal Property Recording Other</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>